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## House of Representatives

Pursuant to Section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 103, One Hundred Ninth Congress, the House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker, Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, March 18, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 18, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1270 Appointments:

United States Holocaust Memorial Council  
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 17, 2005 at 10:15 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment S. 653.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk of the House.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
Washington, DC, March 19, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 19, 2005 at 6:45 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 103.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

GERASIMOS C. VANS, *Deputy Clerk.*

### NOTIFICATION OF REASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER. The Chair lays before the House the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Saturday, March 19, 2005, of the reassembling of the House.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, March 19, 2005.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 103, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the Senate, we hereby notify the Members of the House of Representatives to reassemble at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2005, the Senate already being in session.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT, *Speaker of the House.*  
WILLIAM H. FRIST, M.D., *Majority Leader of the Senate.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Christian, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Fairfax, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we believe that the hopes and the fears of all the years are met in You this day.

The hopes that peace will reign.

The hopes that health will be maintained.

The hopes that all may find a place to call home.

The hopes that firm justice will be accompanied by reasonable mercy.

But our fears are also met in You, O God.

The fears of most that conflict will never abate.

The fears of many that health will be taken and with it wealth which will leave us destitute and destroyed.

The fears of some that work and wages will be lost and they will be homeless.

The fears of a few that there is more justice for some than for others.

So we pray, O God.

Use the words and the works of all called to be decision makers, so that the terrorized may always have a voice; the suffering may always have an advocate; the laborer will always find a place to call home; and mercy will be meted out in equal measure with justice for all and prejudice towards none. Amen.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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